

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 19, 2003 has been reviewed and carefully considered.

Claims 15, 10, 12, and 31 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 2-4, 6-9, 11, 13-30 and 33 and 34 remain pending in this application.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 10, 12 and 31 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,361,182. Claims 5, 10, 12 and 31 have been canceled without prejudice.

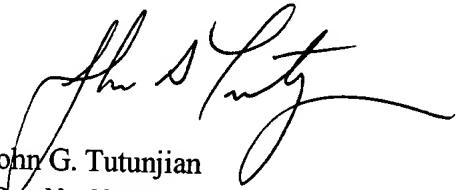
Claims 2-4, 6-9 and 30 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 6 and 15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,517,069. Applicant's representative submits herewith a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer in response to this rejection. A check in the amount of \$55.00 (small entity) for the Terminal disclaimer fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) is enclosed.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of the claims set forth in the Office Action of June 19, 2003 be withdrawn, that pending claims 2-4, 6-9, 11, 13-30 and 33 and 34 be allowed in their entirety, and that the case proceed to early issuance of Letters Patent in due course.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the

application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No.50-1433.

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